

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is inviting public comment on submittal of the Missoula County Carbon Monoxide (CO) Limited Maintenance Plan for the second ten-year term to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plan will be submitted as a revision to the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The document proposed to be submitted is the *Missoula County CO Second 10-Year Limited Maintenance Plan*. Missoula submitted a redesignation request and full maintenance plan for the CO nonattainment area in 2005. EPA approved the request on August 17, 2007, and the area was redesignated to attainment. The federal Clean Air Act requires that, eight years following redesignation of an area as an attainment area, the state shall submit a SIP revision providing for the continued maintenance of the subject National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for an additional ten years.

The Missoula area has continued to see CO concentrations well below the NAAQS. Between 2006 and 2011 (the most recent five years of data, included in the plan), the maximum 8-hour CO concentration was 4.1 parts per million (ppm). In fact, Missoula has not violated the CO NAAQS since implementing the oxygenated fuels program in 1992. Due to the continued low CO concentrations, this second ten-year SIP revision is being submitted as a Limited Maintenance Plan (or LMP), as described in a 1995 EPA memo by Joseph Paisie titled, "Limited Maintenance Plan Option for Nonclassifiable CO Nonattainment Areas."

The Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Board held a public hearing and adopted this plan on May 19, 2016. The Missoula Board of County Commissioners and Missoula City Council resolved to support this submittal on June 9, 2016, and June 13, 2016, respectively.

- 2) The Department will be accepting public comment regarding the proposal to submit the above-described document to EPA for 30 days. **The public comment period begins on July 8, 2016, and ends on Monday, August 8, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**
- 3) Any person may request a public hearing on this matter. If the Department receives a request for public hearing, one will be scheduled and the time for that hearing will be announced. Additionally, another 30 day time period for submitting comment will begin.
- 4) Interested persons may view the proposed submission on the Department's website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment> or may call DEQ at 406-444-1472 to have copies made available for their inspection.
- 5) The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government proceedings. Persons requiring accommodation need to contact Lisa Peterson concerning the nature of the accommodation. Please contact Lisa at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone 406-444-2929; fax at 406-444-1499; or email lpeterson@mt.gov.
- 6) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by:
 - addressing them to Rebecca Harbage, Air Quality Bureau, 1520 E Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-0901;
 - faxing them to 406-444-1499; or
 - sending them via email addressed to rharbage@mt.gov.

**To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be postmarked on or before
5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2016.**